

I am opposed to code proficiency requirements for ANY class of U.S. amateur radio license testing that exceeds five (5) words per minute. I am also opposed to the elimination of the Technician class amateur radio license. Three levels of amateur radio licensing are the minimum number that should remain available, as the current licensing standards have already established. The elimination of the Technician class license would be detrimental to the attraction and encouragement of new amateur radio operators. Furthermore, the attainment of Amateur Extra licensing privileges should be based solely upon written test examination results and NOT on an applicant's proficiency at telegraphy code at a level higher than five words per minute.